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The TATLER.

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——— *Ut ameris amabilis eſto.* Ovid.

From *Thurſday March* 16. to *Saturday March* 18. 1709.

From my own Apartment, March 16.

READING is to the Mind, what Exerciſe is to the Body. As by the one Health is preſerved, ſtrengthened and invigorated; by the other, Virtue (which is the Health of the Mind) is kept alive, cheriſhed and confirmed. But as Exerciſe becomes tedious and painful when we make uſe of it only as the Means of Health, ſo Reading is apt to grow uneaſie and burdenſome, when we apply our ſelves to it only for our Improvement in Virtue. For this Reaſon, the Virtue which we gather from a Fable, or an Allegory, is like Health we get by Hunting; as we are engaged in an agreeable Purſuit that draws us on with Pleaſure, and makes us inſenſible of the Fatigues that accompany it.

After this Preface, I ſhall ſet down a very beautiful Allegorical Fable out of the great Poet whom I mentioned in my laſt Paper, and whom it is very difficult to lay aſide when one is engaged in the reading of him: And this I particularly deſign for the Uſe of ſeveral of my Fair Correſpondents, who in their Letters have complained to me, that they have loſt the Affections of their Husbands, and deſire my Advice how to recover them.

Juno, ſays *Homer*, ſeeing her *Jupiter* ſeated on the Top of Mount *Ida*, and knowing that he had conceived an Averſion to her, began to ſtudy how ſhe ſhould regain his Affections, and make her ſelf amiable to him. With this Thought ſhe immediately retired into her Chamber, where ſhe bathed her ſelf in *Ambroſia*, which gave her Perſon all its Beauty, and diffuſed ſo divine an Odor, as refreſhed all Nature, and ſweeten'd both Heaven and Earth. She let her immortal Treſſes flow in the moſt graceful Manner, and took a particular Care to dreſs her ſelf in ſeveral Ornaments, which the Poet deſcribes at length, and which the Goddeſs choſe out as the moſt proper to ſet off her Perſon to the beſt Advantage. In the next Place, ſhe made a Viſit to *Venus*, the Deity who preſides over Love, and begged of her, as a particular Favour, that ſhe would lend her for a while thoſe Charms with which ſhe ſubdued the Hearts both of Gods and Men. For, ſays the Goddeſs, I would make uſe of them to reconcile the Two Deities, who took Care of me in my Infancy, and who, at preſent, are at ſo great a Variance, that they are eſtranged from each other's Bed. *Venus* was proud of an Opportunity of obliging ſo great a Goddeſs, and therefore made her a Preſent of the *Ceſtus* which ſhe uſed to wear about her own Waſt, with Advice to hide it in her Boſom till ſhe had accompliſhed her Intention. This *Ceſtus* was a fine Party-coloured Girdle, which, as *Homer* tells us, had all the Attractions of the Sex wrought into it. The Four principal Figures in the Embroidery were Love, Deſire, Fondneſs of Speech, and Converſation, filled with that Sweetneſs and Complacency, which, ſays the Poet, inſenſibly ſteal away the Hearts of the wiſeſt Men.

Juno, after having made theſe neceſſary Preparations, came as by Accident into the Preſence of *Jupiter*, who is ſaid to have been as much inflamed with her Beauty, as when he firſt ſtole to her Embraces without the Conſent of their Parents. *Juno*, to cover her real Thoughts, told him, as ſhe had told *Venus*, That ſhe was going to make a Viſit to *Oceanus* and *Tethys*. He prevailed upon her to ſtay with him, proteſting to her, that ſhe appeared more amiable in his Eye, than ever any Mortal, Goddeſs, or even her ſelf, had appeared to him till that Day. The Poet then repreſents him in ſo great an Ardour, that (without going up to the Houſe which had been built by the Hands of *Vulcan* according to *Juno*'s Invitation) he threw a Golden Cloud over their Heads as they ſat upon the Top of Mount *Ida*, while the Earth beneath them ſprung up in Lotus's, Saffrons, Hyacinths, and a Bed of the ſofteſt Flowers for their Repoſe.

This cloſe Tranſlation of one of the fineſt Paſſages in *Homer*, may ſuggeſt abundance of Inſtruction to a Woman who has a Mind to preſerve or recall the Affection of her Husband. The Care of the Perſon, and the Dreſs, with the particular Blandiſhments woven in the *Ceſtus*, are ſo plainly recommended by this Fable, and ſo indiſpenſibly neceſſary in every Female who deſires to pleaſe, that they need no further Explanation. The Diſcretion likewiſe in covering all Matrimonial Quarrels from the Knowledge of others, is taught in the pretended Viſit to *Tethys*, in the Speech where *Juno* addreſſes her ſelf to *Venus*; as the chaſt and prudent Management of a Wife's Charms is intimated by the ſame Pretence for her appearing before *Jupiter*, and by the Concealment of the *Ceſtus* in her Boſom.

I ſhall

I ſhall leave this Tale to the Conſideration of ſuch good Houſewives who are never well dreſſed but when they are Abroad, and think it neceſſary to appear more agreeable to all Men living than their Husbands: As alſo to thoſe prudent Ladies, who, to avoid the Appearance of being over-fond, entertain their Husbands with Indifference, Averſion, ſullen Silence, or exaſperating Language.

Sheer-Lane, March 17.

Upon my coming Home laſt Night, I found a very handſome Preſent of Wine left for me, as a Taſt *of* 216 *Hogſheads which are to be put to Sale at* 20 l. *a Hogſhead, at* Garraway's *Coffee-houſe in* Exchange-Alley, *on the* 22*d Inſtant, at* 3 *in the Afternoon, and to be taſted in Major* Long's *Vaults from the* 20*th Inſtant till the Time of Sale.* This having been ſent to me with a Deſire that I would give my Judgment upon it, I immediately impannelled a Jury of Men of nice Palates and ſtrong Heads, who being all of them very ſcrupulous, and unwilling to proceed raſhly in a Matter of ſo great Importance, refus'd to bring in their Verdict till Three in the Morning; at which Time the Foreman pronounc'd, as well as he was able, Extra-ordinary *French* Claret. For my own Part, as I love to conſult my Pillow in all Points of Moment, I ſlept upon it before I would give my Sentence, and this Morning confirmed the Verdict.

Having mentioned this Tribute of Wine, I muſt give Notice to my Correſpondents for the future, who ſhall apply to me on this Occaſion, That as I ſhall decide nothing unadviſedly in Matters of this Nature, I cannot pretend to give Judgment of a right good Liquor, without examining at leaſt Three Dozen Bottles of it. I muſt at the ſame Time do my ſelf the Juſtice to let the World know, that I have reſiſted great Temptations in this Kind; as it is well known to a Butcher in *Clare-Market*, who endeavoured to corrupt me with a Dozen and half of Marrow-Bones. I had likewiſe a Bribe ſent me by a Fiſhmonger, conſiſting of a Collar of Brawn, and a Joll of Salmon; but not finding them excellent in their Kinds, I had the Integrity to eat them both up, without ſpeaking one Word of them. However, for the future, I ſhall have an Eye to the Diet of this great City, and will recommend the beſt and moſt wholeſome Food to them, if I receive theſe proper and reſpectful Notices from the Sellers, that it may not be ſaid hereafter, my Readers were better taught than fed.

Advertiſements.

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SIR William Read, Her Majeſty's Oculiſt, whoſe Cephalick, Reſtorative Medicines for the Eyes have had ſo great an Effect and Succeſs in removing all Obſtructions in the Optick Nerves, and eradicating all viſcuous Humours, Clouds or Atoms, and infallibly prevent Cataracts in the Beginning; and both clarify, ſtrengthen and preſerve the Sight, as has been atteſted by many Perſons of Quality and others, who have found the good Effects thereof; is to be adviſed withal at his Houſe in Durham-yard in the Strand, London; where only his ſaid Medicines are to be ſold. He couches the Poor of Cataracts gratis: And alſo takes off Wens, and cures Wry Necks or Hair Lips, tho' never ſo deformed.

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